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*Vessels inspected at La Ceiba, Honduras, week ended July 9, 1899.*

July 4, 1899, schooner *M. S. Smith*, Marcial, master, American, Mobile, Ala.; crew, 7; no passengers. July 3, steamer *Wanderer*, Stevenson, American, New Orleans; crew, 20; no passengers. July 5, steamer *Condor*, Norwegian, Culvig, master; number of crew, 18; no passengers, New Orleans, La. July 7, steamer *Bergenseren*, Norwegian, Bentzen, master, New Orleans, La.; number of crew, 16; no passengers.

## NICARAGUA.

*Report from Bluefields.*

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, July 8, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to make this my weekly report of the health and sanitary conditions of Bluefields, which continue satisfactory. The official figures for the population of Bluefields are 3,018, of these, 75 are citizens of the United States of America, 100 subjects of Great Britain, 75 Chinese, 350 natives of Spanish descent, and 2,418 colored.

The vital statistics for the last three months, over which time my official residence here has extended, show 14 deaths—10 colored, and 4 whites. Four died of pulmonary trouble, presumably tuberculosis, 2 of marasmus, 1 stillborn, 1 malarial fever, 2 of hepatic diseases (chronic), 2 of dysentery, 1 of enteritis, and 1 of cancer. This gives a death rate per thousand of 18.55 per annum. Eliminate 3 from the above list, that to my knowledge were brought here from abroad in a moribund condition, and we have the very creditable rate of 14.6. During this quarter I have examined 37 ships, fumigated 118 pieces of baggage for 62 passengers, who were under my direction at least ten days prior to their departure. In addition I have fumigated the clothing of some 30 laborers for each of the above 37 ships.

Respectfully, yours,

D. W. GOODMAN,

*Acting Assistant Surgeon U. S. M. H. S.*

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Sanitary report from Matanzas.*

MATANZAS, CUBA, July 10, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that there were 30 deaths in the city of Matanzas during the week ended July 8, 1899, indicating an annual death rate of 39.16 per thousand. This is an increase over the previous week. The principal causes of death were as follows: Malaria, 8; tuberculosis, 5; enteritis, 4; hydræmia, 1; dysentery, 1; heart disease, 3.

During the week the following cases of an infectious or contagious nature were reported: Typhoid fever, 4; dysentery, 2; diphtheria, 1; scarlatina, 1.

Sixteen vessels were inspected during the period covered by this report, to 6 of which bills of health were given.

Twenty-nine health certificates were issued, 5 persons were vaccinated, 7 pieces of baggage were disinfected and 60 pieces inspected and passed.

The general sanitary condition of the city and port continues good.

Very respectfully,

G. M. GUITERAS,

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